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Letter dated 18 December 2009 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI), established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1528 (2004), as well as to my letter of 8 December 2009, in which I informed you of my decision to appoint Major General Abdul Hafiz (Bangladesh) as Force Commander of UNOCI beginning 1 January 2010.

After further consultations with President Laurent Gbagbo, I wish to inform you that the appointment of Major General Hafiz will not take effect until 1 April 2010 and that the tour of duty of the current UNOCI Force Commander, Major General Fernand Marcel Amoussou, will be extended one last time for a period of three months, until 31 March 2010.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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